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1.1 Mission Statement

Purpose: To clearly communicate the purpose and work of the Department of Health Professions and its health regulatory boards.

Policy: This mission statement should be relied upon by staff of the agency in carrying out its statutory mandate.

Statement:

The mission of the Virginia Department of Health Professions is:

To enhance the delivery of safe and competent health care by licensing qualified health care professionals, enforcing standards of practice, and providing information to both practitioners and consumers of health care services.

The key activities of the Department that naturally follow from the mission statement are:

1. Licensing, certifying, registering, and permitting individuals and entities that meet requirements to practice health care professions in Virginia.
2. Enforcing laws and regulations governing health care delivery.
3. Investigating and adjudicating reports and complaints against health care providers.
4. Reviewing, developing, and proposing regulations and legislation promoting the safe delivery of health care.
5. Approving educational programs that satisfy requirements for initial and ongoing licensure, certification or registration.
6. Funding student financial assistance and physician incentives.
7. Providing consumer information about health care.
8. Providing administrative services in support of the agency's mission and programs.